

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please substitute the attached replacement sheets for Figs. 9 and 10 of the drawings as originally filed.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

Replacement sheets for Figs. 9 and 10, designated as prior art, are submitted herewith to overcome the objection to the drawings.

The "new matter" objection to the specification under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) and the rejection of Claims 5 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, are respectfully traversed. The failure to state "or equal to" in the specification is due to errors in the translation of the Japanese-language underlying PCT international application. Submitted herewith are marked up pages 8, 11 and 15 of the Japanese-language PCT application showing, at designated points, the Japanese-language equivalent of "or equal to." The substitute specification has been amended at page 16, line 1; page 24, line 4; and page 31, line 20 to state "or equal to."

The allowance of Claims 1-4, 6-10, and 12 is noted with appreciation. Claims 5 and 11 are now allowable also.

This application is now believed to be clearly in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by

this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account.

If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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